



For Immediate Release

U.S. 191 Road Closures Schedule Notification

San Juan County, Utah (September 26, 2019) – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has updated the schedule of full road closures on U.S. Highway 191 between Hole-N-The-Rock and La Sal to provide more reliable and consistent closure times for motorists needing to plan their trips around construction blasting and also to provide a safer environment within the construction work zone.

From Monday, September 30th through Thursday October 3rd, full road closures are planned on U.S. Highway 191 between mileposts 107 and 109 starting at 11:00 a.m. Single lane alternating traffic is anticipated to be restored by 12:00 noon. Full closures are anticipated, Mondays through Thursdays, through the entire month of October and into Mid-November anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Exact closure times will be available one week in advance on the project web page www.udot.utah.gov/go/191Blasting .

Real-time traffic information is available at udottraffic.utah.gov and on the [UDOT Traffic App](#).

The schedule adjustment follows the review of initial test blasting results as well as technical analysis of traffic queuing from those blasts and the consideration of driver behaviors and feedback. While traffic queues can be anticipated to grow immediately following blasting, the increased reliability of contractor operations under daylight is expected to aid motorists in their planning efforts and aid workers in a more timely and safe completion of the project.

The U.S. 191 Shoulder Improvement is valued at more than two-million dollars and includes excavating into existing rock cuts, upgrading safety barriers to new standards or removing barriers where shoulders can be leveled to improve the potential of drivers safely returning onto the roadway after wandering from the travel lanes.

--UDOT--

Media Contact:

Kevin Kitchen

UDOT Region Four Communications Manager

kevin@utah.gov

Cell: 435-979-4551